



GOVERNOR OF FIJI VISITS

Fulton Missionary College



W. H. SIMMONDS, Business Manager

AN IMPORTANT EVENT in the history of Fulton Missionary College occurred on Wednesday, September 22, when His Excellency, Sir Ronald Garvey, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.B.E., Governor of Fiji, visited the college. He and Lady Garvey were accompanied by Mr. Lewis-Jones, Director of Education, Sir Edward Cakobau, District Commissioner Southern, and Ratu Mara, District Officer.

These distinguished guests spent nearly three hours on the estate, during which time they inspected every department of the school's activities from the classrooms to the farm. They expressed themselves in such terms as make it possible to reliably report that they were favourably impressed by what they witnessed. Commenting on the inter-racial character of the enrolment, His Excellency said, "You are accomplishing at Fulton what no other organization in the Pacific has the courage to attempt."

Three hundred students from every island group in the Central Pacific area formed a guard of honour from the entrance gates to the assembly lawn, where the official ceremony of welcome was held. School buildings and trees were bedecked with bunting and flags of all nations to symbolize the cosmopolitan nature of this training centre for island youth.

In his formal speech of welcome from the dais, the principal, Pastor L. S. Wood, referred briefly to the aims and work of the college in "trying to build such a bond of fellowship among us that we here shall be in miniature what we believe should be the ideal relationship between the various races of the Pacific, indeed of the whole world.

We are endeavouring to train our hands as well as our minds and our hearts. Whatever calling our ability may fit us for, or Providence may assign us, we are determined to serve God and our own more needy people until our work on earth is completed."

His Excellency replied that the speech of welcome, written as it was on fine hand-made parchment and backed by island tapa and an exquisitely fine native matting, was a combination of Western culture and Pacific Island handicraft. He expressed his appreciation for an education that was first practical. By our training ministers of religion, teachers, assistants in administration, builders, home-makers, farmers, the island peoples would progress steadily toward a better life.

Mr. E. W. Howse, secretary of the Union Mission, representing the Board of Management, presented Sir Ronald with a copy of the book "Education," which, he said, is the blueprint of this denomination's educational system throughout the world. He quoted from it as follows: "True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey each planted a flamboyant to complete a pattern of trees around the edge of the assembly lawn and then proceeded with the official party

to inspect the various departments and activities of the school.

The assembly hall contained an exhibition of examples of academic and manual work ranging from work-books to timber-framed model houses. Every boy enrolled is taught carpentry and every girl learns cooking, sewing, and home-craft. All the college maintenance work, including plumbing, carpentry, electrical, engine repair and maintenance, is carried out by these island sons, and the major portion of the food used in the boarding department is produced on the college farm and dairy. A new and keen interest is being taken in agriculture at Fulton as soil conservation and contour planting methods in farm and garden are being adopted. Each classroom was visited and each training group inspected with the sole exception of the ministerial trainees, who are at present engaged in practical field work in inland Fiji.

While refreshments were served in a cool pavilion, the vice-regal guests were entertained with musical items from each of the various national groups. As most groups completed their singing they would

descend from the dais, form up in line before the guests and present to Lady Garvey a small gift as a token of their love and respect for a very gracious lady: a finely woven, patterned belt from the Cook Islanders, a tapa mat and a fan from the Tongans, a delicately tinted shell necklace from the Tahitians, crochet work from the Fijians.

Sir Edward Cakobau, a princely Fijian leader and a half brother of Queen Salote of Tonga, expressed himself in terms of approval and stated that the Council of Chiefs should see Fulton with its unique and interesting features.

Mr. Lewis-Jones, director of Education, was pleased with the academic standards prevailing, regretted that his visit was so short, and expressed his desire to come back soon to complete his inspection.

The road ahead of Fulton, as with all departments and phases of our work the world over, holds many problems and obstacles, but it is considered that this successful day will help our future. God is leading His cause and we face the future with rejoicing.

beknown to him somewhere within his heart.

One may not wish to admit as much, and even may offer certain pious reasons for his feelings. Yet basically his reaction may well spring from such a source.

Let one especially beware if he secretly finds some satisfaction in the mistakes and failings of such persons, for this un-Christian attitude may be a clue to the source of his feelings, pointing to envy and jealousy. It would be well for everyone to search carefully to see whether there is any small root of these evils within his heart and if he finds even a trace of them, quickly to be rid of them. Only thus may he win in the race.

2. Pride and Prejudice

As jealousy springs from envy, so prejudice is the offspring of pride. There would be no racial or religious prejudice if there were no racial and religious pride.

The Jews of Christ's day, because of their religious pride, drew a circle about themselves, leaving everyone else outside. Their sympathies and interests were alone for those inside the circle. This may happen in many spheres of our lives today.

Christ drew a circle that took everyone in so far as His sympathies and interests were concerned. He came to break down the "middle wall of partition," of whatever kind, between men, and to make all believers everywhere feel that they are "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Eph. 2: 14, 19.

Apparently too many of Christ's followers have forgotten this in a day of growing pride and prejudice over nationality and race. Too often we hear a brother or a sister, who professes to belong to a spiritual world family, joining in the clamour being raised against another nation or another race.

Such issues as these could very well be a handicap in our running of the race set before us.

Let us draw no prideful circles around ourselves. We are all members of a sinful race, condemned to eternal death, and but for the grace of Christ open to all men, we cannot hope for salvation.

3. Grievance and Complaint

It is easy for those running in the Christian race to accumulate a certain number of grievances, which of course result in murmuring and complaining.

There probably are no greater impediments in the Christian race than grievances. We would do well to be rid of them as soon as they occur to us, and never, never seek to hold on to them, for they surely will keep one from winning the race.

Many other such impediments common to man, and often overlooked, could be mentioned. Let us determine that by the grace of God we will lay aside every hindrance to the winning of the race for "the crown of righteousness" that shall be given to all who have "fought a good fight" and finished the course when Christ shall come.

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Laying Aside Every Weight

FREDERICK LEE

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews tells us about the men and women in times past who won victories over the temptations of the flesh, and the trials sent by the enemy of men's souls. With this as a basis of hope for us today, Paul wrote:—

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Heb. 12: 1. The word translated "weight" in this text also has the meaning of burden or impediment.

The theme of the Olympic races, so well known in all the cities of Paul's day, was one that he liked to use when speaking of the spiritual race of the Christian. He wrote to the Corinthian church of keeping his body in subjection, and running with certainty so that he might win the prize. (1 Cor. 9: 24-27.) To the Galatians he wrote about his not wanting to run in vain, and commended them for running well. (Gal. 2: 2; 5: 7.) Again, to the Philippians he spoke of his rejoicing because he had not run in vain so far as they were concerned, and he told them that, regarding his own experience, he continued to press on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 2: 16; 3: 14.)

Outward and Inward Impediments

The runner in these popular races cast aside every encumbrance, even the garments that hung about him, so that he would be free to run without the slightest handicap of any kind. However, not only did the runner have to think of the physical impediments to his winning the race, but he also had to consider the inner

handicaps of the spirit. In order to win he had to have courage, and endurance, and confidence. He had to cast aside the evils of jealousy, and prejudice, and mistrust. He had to go forth free in mind and heart to give his whole attention to winning the race.

Thus it is with the Christian. While the runner in the popular races was mostly concerned with the outward impediments, the Christian is to be mostly concerned with those within his mind and heart. He is to allow nothing to lurk within his soul that would hinder him in giving his full strength of spirit to the winning of the race. So Paul tells us to especially lay aside the sin that doth so easily beset us.

Every human being has some inclinations, and some habits, which are difficult to overcome. These probably are not the grosser sins he readily gives up when he enters the Christian race. However, they may be lesser ones that still cling to him, that are difficult to overcome, and that will hold him back in the last great testing lap of the race, which will require every ounce of his will and endurance.

Think of the following as such impediments to the winning of the Christian race:—

1. Envy and Jealousy

It does not seem possible that anyone running in the Christian race would reveal any of the readily recognizable manifestations of envy and jealousy, such as Solomon referred to when he wrote, "Jealousy is cruel as the grave."

Nevertheless one's unfavourable feelings toward a brother or a sister in the church may come because of his superior position or accomplishments, and may be the result of these twin evils lurking un-



Around the CONFERENCES

Colporteurs Confer and Win a Trophy

S. H. SHELL,

Publishing Department Secretary

"In a large degree, through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, page 140.

That the literature ministry will play an important part in the last act of the great controversy is recognized by our organization. In order to equip the literature evangelists who carry such responsibility, and to prepare for extended service, a special colporteur institute was conducted from August 13-19, 1954.

Just what is an institute? It is the gathering together of all our colporteurs from the large field of Western Australia, making them comfortable at the campground with all its facilities, and under trained instructors presenting the principles of success in Christian salesmanship. The business world realizes the necessity of overcoming sales resistance and the buyers' market of today. Efficiency and quality are demanded if sales are to be maintained. While our books and periodicals enjoy a position of appreciation above many other publications, our representatives must be prepared and qualified to conquer the competition.

Friday, August 13, was a day of greeting and fellowship as the colporteurs who had been separated by hundreds of miles were able to associate in the sales school. We were indeed fortunate to have Pastor E. R. Gane, the Publishing Department secretary of the Australasian Division, who had just returned from the General Conference, to visit Western Australia. The preaching service in the city church and the illustrated lecture on Saturday evening revealed the marvellous way God is prospering His work around the world.

Pastor J. W. Nixon is always welcome in Western Australia, and under his leadership the colporteurs presented an inspiring symposium on Sabbath afternoon. Souls are being reached by our literature who would not be contacted in any other way.

With notebooks ready, the class entered into the study of Christian salesmanship and received valuable instruction. Personality selling with emphasis on the man, conducted by Pastor Nixon each day, proved particularly stimulating, while Pastor Gane, in his own characteristic way, had us all aglow with inspiration as he presented the Colporteur-evangelist.

Our college at Carmel co-operated, and Brother C. Futcher's presentation on opportunities will prove helpful. Guest speaker Mr. Moyard, the manager of the International Correspondence School, was much impressed as he discovered that the supreme motive was service rather than selfish gain, and souls rather than sales.

We were indebted to Pastor R. H. Powrie, Brother Stan Louis, and Brother F. Nash, who contributed helpful material which applied particularly to our work. Key words, scintillating selling sentences, buying motives, and a planned sales talk all received special emphasis as unfolding the mental law of the sale.

Western Australia was indeed honoured to receive a special Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference trophy. Brother Ken Williamson, who has just completed his eighth year with the prospectus, obtained the award for the highest sales of more than £11,069 for the quadrennial period. We all rejoiced together in this pleasing presentation.

Whether in the class-room, in recreation, or at the dining table, the spirit of Christian unity and fellowship dominated. We were sorry to say good-bye.

Immediately after the close of the institute, as regular colporteurs returned to the field, another venture commenced in the history of the publishing work in this conference. Pastor J. W. Nixon accompanied Colporteur-evangelist Jim Rowden into the far north, a district which has not been visited thoroughly for almost thirty years.

Conscious of our responsibilities we press on with the task and invite your prayers as the gospel is heralded in this large state.

Dorcas Despatches Clothing for Refugees in West Germany

M. E. McLEAN, Secretary

During the month of June the Dorcas members in Western Australia were very active in collecting used clothing for distribution to refugees in West Germany. An appeal was made to church members for their co-operation, and the Dorcas ladies canvassed around neighbours and friends for further contributions. The result was a heart-warming array of beautiful quality garments of every description. One feature of the contact with friends and neighbours was the opportunity offered to present missionary literature and an invitation to listen to the Voice of Prophecy session. It has also opened an avenue of interest in Dorcas Welfare work and promises of future help.

Prior to the packing day, which was June 30, each Dorcas society undertook the sorting, mending, and re-conditioning of any garments needing such attention, thus lightening the work in the final stages. On the packing day each society sent along two or three members as arranged, and a busy, happy time was spent in filling six large cases with the garments, and Brother Maywald, our Home Missionary secretary, gave splendid assistance in sealing them down. In all, some 1,561 articles of clothing were packed. The day proved to be one of happy fellowship in welfare service.

On Thursday, August 12, the first combined meeting of the new Dorcas Federation was held in the conference office assembly room from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., with an attendance of about forty-five members from metropolitan societies. The meeting was privileged to have present also, Pastor E. C. Lemke, who took the devotional period, and Sister G. Long, who has recently returned from the Mt. Hagen Hansende Colony. She showed pictures of the wonderful work being done there, and gave interesting information relating to it. Both these speakers emphasized the part Dorcas had taken in helping them in their work among the natives, by supply-



Western Australian Dorcas members with the cases packed for refugees in West Germany

ing bandages, medical requirements, and clothing. Their remarks and the praise of Dorcas work will prove an inspiration and incentive for increased activity and service in the future.

At the lunch hour recess the ladies took their meal out of doors in the lovely sunshine, chatting together in happy groups, and hot drinks were served.

Each society present gave a report on the quarter's activities, and these showed that much useful work had been accomplished, chiefly in the making of patchwork rugs, mosquito nets, and lap-laps. Already one consignment of these has gone forward towards the quota allotted the West Australian Dorcas. Our welfare work has been constant in the helping of necessitous cases by supplying clothing, food parcels, and many other useful articles. Plans were put in hand for the holding of a sale of work to raise funds for the continuance of welfare work.

Reports of the general activities of the federation during the second quarter of this year revealed that through co-ordinated effort the overall sum of £480 had been collected by the Dorcas ladies for various worthy charities in their street appeals, and a total of 2,281 articles of clothing, etc., had been distributed for local and overseas needs. Surely the Lord has richly blessed the Dorcas Welfare work of Western Australia.

An interesting visitor, in the person of Mrs. Earles from Auckland, New Zealand, spoke to us of Welfare work in that city, outlined their methods of conduct, and passed on helpful ideas to assist in raising funds.

Altogether the meeting proved an interesting and profitable time in the exchange of ideas and discussion of mutual problems. As the federation grows in experience it should become a strong force in the development of Dorcas work here in the West.

True to Label

The first exporters of tinned foods to China discovered that these Oriental people expected to find inside the tins what was represented on the label. The feelings of a peaceable Chinese on seeing the picture of a pretty girl's head on the label can therefore be imagined.

But really, our Chinese friends are no different from the rest of us in this regard. We all respect the genuine article, the commodity that is found to be one hundred per cent true to the advertisement, the reformer and the Christian who practise what they preach, even when they think they are not being observed.

Hats off to the New Zealand Health Food travellers, who make it easy for other Adventists because they are true to principle! Brother R. Gray, wholesale manager for New Zealand, was proud to talk about them in worship at the division office in Wairoa recently. This was his story:—

"I bring you greetings from the members of the New Zealand Wholesale staff.

Death

TERESA HOOLEY

*How should I fear to die?
Have I not seen
The colour of a small blue butterfly,
The silver sheen
Of breaking waves and of a wood-
dove's wings?*

*Have I not marked the coat
Of mouse and deer,
The shape of flowers, the thrush's
speckled throat—
And shall I fear
To fall into the hands that made
these things?*

We are not as fortunate as you are, or as many others in offices or branches where you can meet for morning worship and enjoy fellowship one with another throughout the day. Because of the geography of New Zealand, the selling staff of our department cannot work from one central depot. Each man has his own centre and in the care of his district oft-times has no personal contact with a kindred worker for periods of several weeks. In spite of this isolation these men are working hard and doing a very good job. During the month of August the sales averaged more than £6,000 per traveller. If we transcribe this into tons it amounts to 233 tons of Weet-Bix, twenty-five tons of Peanut Butter, and twenty-three tons of Marmite.

"However, these men are not interested in selling only good foods. They are anxious to sell that commodity which is available to us all—the gospel story.

"Some time ago it was my privilege to meet with the National Executive of the New Zealand Master Grocers' Association and discuss with them some problems of common interest. At the conclusion of our business I was invited to join them for refreshments. Before I could reply the national secretary said: "It's all right, Mr. Gray—I have ordered milk and tomato sandwiches for you." This body of men were all grocers. How was it they knew our standards? Only by observing our travellers as month by month they made their calls. It is not what we profess but what we do that counts.

"On another occasion it was necessary for us to advertise for a house. A lady rang and offered her house to us. After we had completed arrangements I inquired what it was that made her offer the place to us. He reply was this:—

"My husband and I had decided to sell the house and had advertised accordingly. It was then that we saw your advertisement, and I said to my husband, "You remember those nice folk who lived in the flat over us? They were fine people and lived up to their profession. They were Sanitarium people and they are the kind of tenants we want in our house." We then decided to withdraw the house from sale and let it to you."

"The consistent life of a young couple meant the blessing of a house to someone who followed after.

"One day a businessman called into my office and asked if I could find him a Seventh-day Adventist builder. It appears that he had a very important job to be done which he was unable to supervise, and there was the risk of inferior workmanship being put into the building. He said he had had dealings with our company for many years and had observed the relationship of our actions to our profession. Therefore he was satisfied that he would get a very satisfactory job from a tradesman of our beliefs without any supervision.

"The Apostle Paul advises us to follow in the footsteps of the Master, and by doing this we will bring men and women to a knowledge of the Christ. Moreover, this is the only way to life for ourselves. In Prov. 14:12 we read of the only other way which is open to us: 'There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.' It is easy to follow our own way, but the results are certain and absolute—death. In the Book of Ruth the truth of this verse is very well illustrated. The first verse of the book tells us that the events about to be narrated took place during the time when the judges ruled. The last verse in Judges tells us that during this period of the history of the children of Israel 'every man did that which was right in his own eyes.' Such was the setting for the events as recorded in the Book of Ruth. The family here mentioned did exactly this and the first few verses reveal the tragedy of it—death to the father and his two sons. 'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.'"

Public Opinion Survey IN THE GREATER SYDNEY CONFERENCE

ERNEST H. STEED

Director of Public Relations

It is not always easy to ascertain the impact of our evangelistic, radio, Home Missionary, or Public Relations, or any other feature of Adventist witnessing.

The message is cast forth like seed from the sower. How great is the impact upon this busy, rushed, and overwrought city of Sydney? That was the question we were keen to answer.

To get a little idea of this we felt that the most positive way was to go and ask the people. To get a good overall opinion without asking the 2,000,000 people in the vicinity of Sydney we had to make a cross section of suburbs. Six suburbs were selected and eleven evangelists went out eager to discover just what the people would say.

Some Adventists had, over the past four weeks, been a little troubled by the newspaper stories reporting Pastor Burnside with some distortions; but what about all the favourable stories of Adventist mission work—educational, medical, youth, Sabbath school, and radio, covered in newspapers, magazines, and radio news?

This survey, we felt, would give some

slight indication of this trend. After the survey it was found that 257 people had been interviewed. Of this number:—

- 161 Buy a morning paper. (62.6%)
- 173 Buy an afternoon paper. (67.3%)
- 18 Buy no paper at all. (7%)

It was really interesting to note that:—

153 of the 257 had read Adventist news stories in the newspapers, magazines, or heard news over the radio. (59.5%)

The part our lay people play in personal witnessing to neighbours, workmates, friends, and relations was shown by the following figures:—

28 of the 257 had personally contacted Adventists in this way and each spoke highly of Adventists. (10.9%)

4 of the 257 stated that they listened to the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts. (1.6%)

5 (of the 257) had previously attended an Adventist church; three of the five many years ago. (1.9%)

2 (of the 257) had visited an Adventist institution. (.8%)

2 (of the 257) had never heard, ever, about Seventh-day Adventists. (.8%)

47 when asked if they felt Seventh-day Adventists were doing a good Christian work, replied favourably. The others were non-committal or did not know. Only two said No. The majority showed a hazy blank attitude on this question. (14.4%)

There was no hostility to Adventists, but, most people interviewed did not know enough about Adventists to say whether they were doing a good work or not, though they thought they possibly were.

One can see the need of imparting more information to the public about our work to build up a stronger appreciation of our Christian influence.

When asked if they had read the news stories about Pastor George Burnside stating that Sydney was a sinful city:—

101 of the 257 answered Yes. (36.3%)

65 of the 101 gave a favourable reaction to the news stories. (64.5%)

30 of the 101 who read the news stories noticed the church he represented. (29.7%)

When questioned about seeing advertising for the mission and newspaper stories mentioning Pastor Burnside:—

25 of the 257 had seen the newspaper advertisements of the mission. (9.7%)

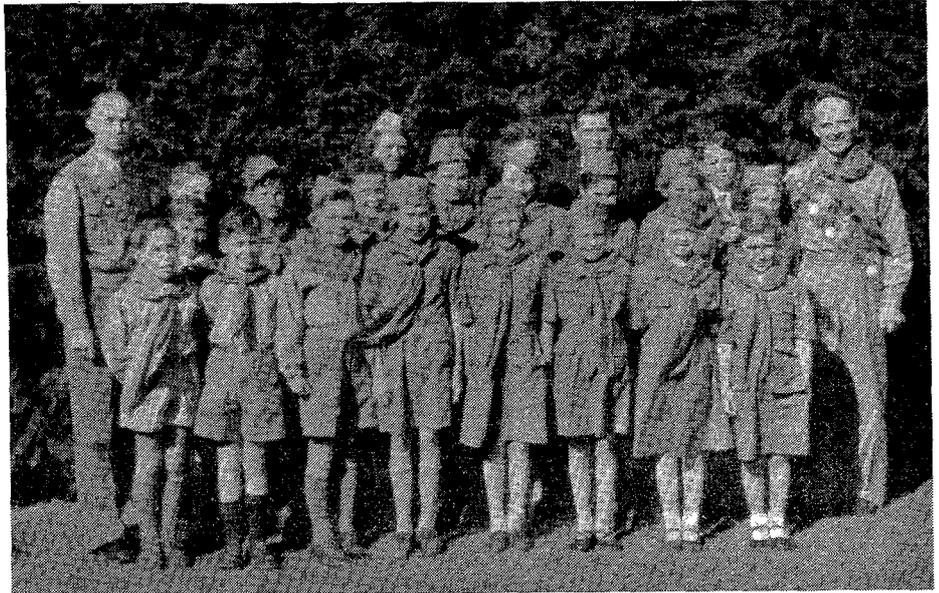
8 of the 25 who had seen the newspaper advertisements reacted favourably. (32%)

And 20 of the 126 who read the news of Pastor Burnside and the advertisements reacted unfavourably. (15.9%)

This survey shows that the work of the Public Relations Bureau through the church press secretaries and contacts with city newspapers, magazines, and radio is having effect.

The news stories relating to Pastor Burnside were not unfavourably received by the public in any great measure. In fact it shows that the majority would not have known much about the mission and Pastor Burnside but for the news stories.

Another strong point is the influence of our lay people in witnessing to relatives, workmates, and friends. One man, when asked if he had come into contact with Adventists, said, "Yes—my boss is a Seventh-day Adventist and you couldn't find



The large group of juniors invested at Tauranga, New Zealand, on August 8.

a better man anywhere." Another eulogized: "I can speak most highly of Adventists. My niece is a Seventh-day Adventist and she is a fine Christian girl. She has been to their college at Dora Creek and they have treated her extra well."

You may make other observations from these figures. They give only an idea, but if it is any indication it shows the necessity for a stronger personal contact plan and an increased Public Relations programme through the modern communicative mediums reaching out to the masses.

A comparison of this survey with the estimated 2,000,000 in our city gives some idea of the percentage influenced through various mediums.

May the Lord inspire us to be up and doing, for the harvest is ripe. Let us pray that we shall have a vision for greater service to finish the work of God.

Spectacular Display of Class-Work by Tauranga JMV's

Mrs. W. A. WRIGHT

An investiture with many outstanding features of interest was conducted in the hall of the Tauranga (N.Z.) church of Seventh-day Adventists on the night of August 8, when Pastor A. White, MV leader for North New Zealand Conference, assisted by Pastor K. Satchell, leader in JMV work and Child Evangelism, presented twenty young people with their badges. These had all completed a very full and instructive year's work along JMV lines under the very capable leadership of Brother and Sister F. Gray.

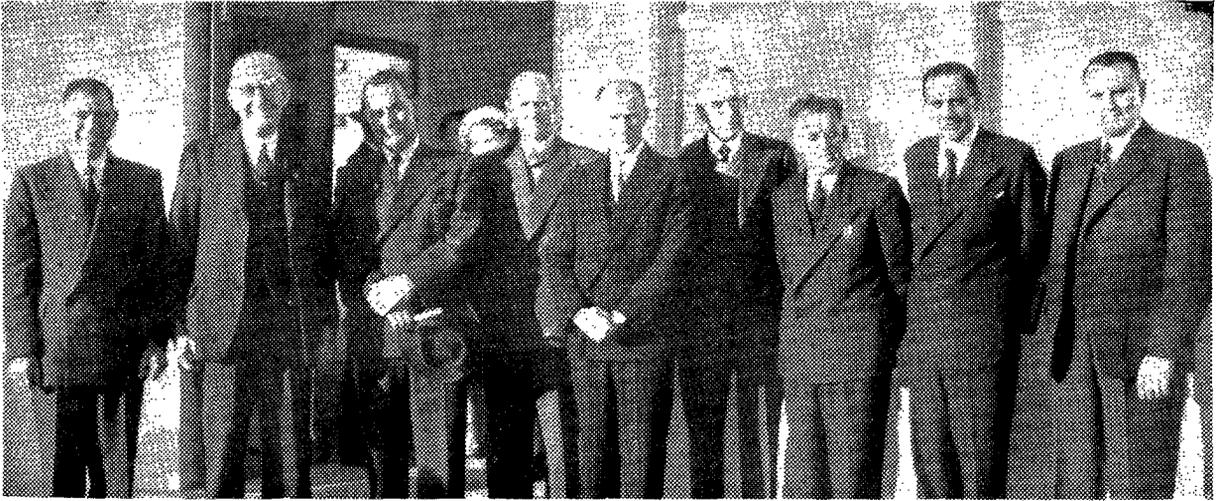
A spectacular display summarizing the year's classwork filled one end of the hall. A wardian case, moss-lined box with glass front, was a much admired feature with its groupings of liverworts, lichens, fungi, mosses, and ferns, all having formed sepa-

rate topics of study throughout the course. With its great wealth of ferns, from the tiny inch-long ones right up to the mighty sixty-foot tree ferns, New Zealand produces both some of the smallest and some of the largest ferns to be found in the world. In their study of bush lore, the JMV's had been taught to recognize native trees, flowers, birds, and some of the beautiful New Zealand ferns which provided perfect specimens for photography, mounting, etc. A special attraction on display was the group of transparencies. These were photographs printed on to glass and then hand painted—ferns and brightly coloured fungi proving particularly suitable subjects when shown over coloured lights.

Also on display was a series of very fine drawings of birds' legs and feet illustrating the specific uses of leg muscles in holding a bird on its perch, and adaptation of a variety of types of feet to their particular kind of action, such as climbing, grasping, swimming and, in the case of the kaka and kea, rending and tearing. Heads and beaks of various kinds of birds were dealt with in study, and recorded. A large map of the world studded with tiny flags indicated the courses followed by many birds migrating between New Zealand and far-distant lands.

Pond life as viewed through microscopes made interesting matter for photography. A special course of glorified glass painting provided an honour subject for some of the girls.

In a typical ferny grotto on the stage, a group of "campers" discussed campcraft with their leader, who demonstrated the uses of material at hand when applying first aid to the injured in the bush. Path-finding, recognition of well known stars, knot tying and its values—these and many other of the JMV routine classes indicated a full and instructive year's study which had been entertainingly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Gray.



The official party at the opening of the new Seventh-day Adventist Church at the corner of Maltby Avenue and Rathmore Street, Timaru. From left: Pastor A. E. Cook, the Rev. Clyde Carr, M.P., the Mayor (Mr. R. E. White), N. L. McDuff, Pastor W. W. Petrie, W. Cox, Pastor A. R. Mitchell, D. J. Self, J. Cruikshank.

We Share Extracts from a Letter Written by Pastor O. K. Anderson

P.O. Box 1255,
Aden,

24th August, 1954.

Dear Ones at Home,

At the moment we are on a vacation in Beirut, Lebanon. On September 2 we will take ship to Alexandria again and spend some twenty-four days in Egypt. We are having a camp-meeting in Cairo September 16-25 as an experiment. Pastor E. B. Hare will be one of the official delegates to the camp-meeting season in the Middle East this year, so we shall have the pleasure of his dynamic company for at least a few days.

Before coming here to Beirut we spent five or six weeks in Alexandria conducting a spearhead evangelistic campaign in two places in that city. I used to preach at both places the one night, one an hour and a quarter before the other. This at times was an exciting programme. As long as the taxi man made the time we were all right, but sometimes traffic would hold us up a little and then the folk had to be good-spirited, and they were. Anyway, we left a good interest in both places.

Last week we went down to Jerusalem per plane. It takes only about an hour. We had a good view of the Holy Land from the air, and even some of the Jewish sector. The whole land looks most barren at this time of the year, for the season is dry and mainly hot. We visited the Dead Sea. I had a swim in it and may say without exaggeration I could float comfortably. If I had held an umbrella in one hand and a book in the other I could have read quite easily. But the water is hard on the skin, and one cannot take too much at once. The water is very warm making the reaction all the more speedy.

We visited the spot where they say that Christ was baptized of John in Jordan—

quite interesting to say the least. From there we went to Jericho and viewed the ruins. Also visited the new city, which is built some two miles from the old. In this area they grow a lot of bananas and other tropical fruits. But the people are so poor; it makes your heart ache to see the huge refugee camps about Jericho. These came about after the Palestine War. There are some seventy thousand refugees in Palestine and they are suffering acutely. These folk are Palestinians, being neither Jews nor, in the true sense of the word, Arabs. One time they held the best of the country, but were ruthlessly driven out with absolutely nothing. What a cruel price many people have to pay for war!

We visited about the old city of Jerusalem. Very interesting, and not so dirty as I had expected. The streets are narrow, and with only two exceptions one cannot drive a car anywhere; so one gets a good quiet look at the place strolling about.

Jerusalem has a pleasant climate, being some three thousand feet above sea level. It was a welcome respite to us after the heat of Beirut. We saw the very spot where Jesus was tried before Pilate. This historic spot brought sadness to our hearts. We walked along the traditional way of the cross, the Via Dolorosa, the way of sorrow. But this is only traditional, and is ruined by the churches of Rome and others which have been built around these areas. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, mainly Roman, is most extravagantly adorned. About the image of Mary alone there are some thirteen million pounds' worth of diamonds, etc. And to think that Mary did not own a home or much of anything when she trod this earth! And now these deluded souls have made all this vain and worthless display which, in my humble opinion, blesses no one.

It was our pleasure to visit Jacob's well in Samaria. Here Jesus met the Samaritan woman, and the very stone on the well top is still there, just where the Lord sat. How wonderful! And the water is still

pure and fresh, for we were right glad to have a good drink of it that hot day. The Bible stories and facts live in the veins of anyone who is privileged to visit Palestine. We also viewed the ruins of Herod's temple at Sabastia, where Salome danced before the rude throng and then asked for the head of John the Baptist. We saw the prison where John was incarcerated, and the probable place of his execution. We climbed to seven thousand feet above the Mediterranean Sea at Sabastia and stood in the ruins of the temple of Ahab and also Cæsar Augustus.

It is beyond words to describe the feelings of our hearts as we stood twice on the summit and slopes of Mt. Olivet, as we heard again the words of the Master ringing in our ears, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thee, even as a hen gathereth her chickens, under her wings, and ye would not." And all the great prophecy spoken by our Lord and recorded in the 24th chapter of Matthew was passing before our eyes as we stood on this mount twelve hundred feet above the city.

The garden of Gethsemane is somewhat marred by the building of a huge Catholic church upon its breast, and it is so sad to think that this edifice, though called the church of all nations, is there for the express purpose of enriching the church responsible for its erection.

We were thrilled to visit the home of Mary and Martha. Of course, the house is again covered by a huge Catholic church, but the surroundings are more or less in the natural state, for the hills of Judea are nicely seen from this place and one can imagine our Lord really enjoying a good rest at the home of Mary and Martha many times during His ministry on this earth. The tomb of Lazarus is near the house site. This may not be the real tomb, but for all that one can be sure it was one like it. It, too, brought back a flood of memories regarding the stories of the Scripture. (To be concluded)



In the Hills of Assam

A. MABERLY

"Will I be using an interpreter?" This was the question I asked Brother Jack Williams, principal of the Assam Training School, after he had invited me to conduct the Week of Prayer for the students at the school. To my amazement he replied, "Will you be using an interpreter? Only four, and all speaking at the one time!" Hastening to reassure me, he claimed it was not as much like Babel as I might imagine, because each interpreter stood in his portion of the chapel and translated for his particular language group. This strange procedure is necessary owing to the diversity of languages spoken in the Assam hills.

Fortified with Brother Williams' assurance that all would work out well, I set out on the four-hundred-mile trip to the school. The monsoons were just at their peak, and everywhere the dry, barren plains of winter had given place to green fields of paddy. The hump-backed oxen were ploughing the paddy fields in water up to their bellies; just the handle of the crude wooden plough showing above the water. One begins to understand a little more clearly why there are not more tractors on the farms here. A tractor could never go where the bullock goes; and besides it costs precious rupees to run a tractor.

Scantly clothed women and naked children were transplanting the young paddy shoots, sheltering from the rain under their queer leaf umbrellas, while all the time the endless rain was pelting down. Everywhere was water, water, water, and still more coming, but to these people water means rice, and rice means life. Since I have returned home this same district has been inundated by one of the worst floods for years, and hundreds of lives were lost. However, at that time there was no intimation of the coming flood and all were happily working in the fields.

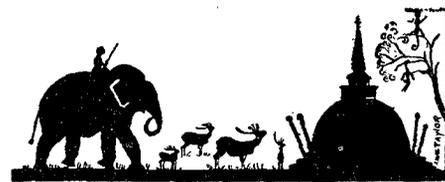
As I saw these people in humble faith sowing the seed and looking forward to a coming harvest, I could not help but think that if God's people would sow the seed of truth with the same zeal that the heathen sows his rice, soon the harvest of earth would be ready for the coming King. How heartbreaking it is to travel for hundreds of miles, and see village after village where the torch of truth has never burned! Surely this is a needy land waiting for God's messengers.

The flooded Bramaputra River at Guahati marked the border between Bengal

and Assam, and large river ferries transported the people over the river. For the next sixty miles the road winds and twists as it rises four thousand feet to Shillong, a delightful town where we have a strong work. While there I was thrilled to hear the progress of the everlasting gospel in these hills, and asked Pastor Rick to pass on the story to our "Record" readers. Assam is a beautiful land of rolling hills, green valleys, and picturesque villages. The people seem very industrious, as every village was surrounded with well-kept paddy fields, banana plantations, and luscious pineapples. It will be a long time before I forget the pineapples of Assam!

The school is in a very beautiful place, reminding me very much of the farmlands of New Zealand. This year there are over one hundred students at the Assam school, a number of whom are not Adventists, but have come to the school because of its high scholastic record. It was a joy to see some of these students join the baptismal class organized during the Week of Prayer. At first I found it hard to concentrate when four interpreters were talking simultaneously, but really it worked well. The students were divided into these four groups, and as soon as I paused the interpreters would translate rapidly. You could see by the intense interest of the students that the message was being impressed on their hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Many of these boys go home to their villages as colporteurs during the school vacation, and it was a thrill to have a boy shyly introduce his friends, whom he had won to the advent message in this way, and brought back to school with him. These young men have a burden for soul-saving such as I have seldom seen before. In the Friday night testimony meeting so many consecrated themselves to the gospel ministry that it stirred our hearts to listen. In our minds we could see a great stream of light going out from the school to the darkened hills of Assam, and setting the hills ablaze with God's last message.



Hill Tribes of Assam Eager for the Gospel

W. C. RICK

It is always a thrilling experience to enter new territory with the message of a soon-coming Saviour. A prayer of praise to God should ascend on high from the heart of every true Seventh-day Adventist when a new country is entered, or a new language added to the ever growing work of God. This means another step has been taken toward the fulfilment of the prophecy of Jesus in Matthew 24: 14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

From the north-eastern frontier province of Assam, in India, we wish to share with you in the homeland, and in other fields, the joy filling our hearts. Recent developments indicate a great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit throughout the mountains and valleys of this land, in which Satan has held a large percentage of the peoples in superstition and darkness. Even yet among some of our border hill tribes, head-hunting is carried on. In others human blood is sacrificed to the devil, who appears in the form of a snake. We praise God that many are leaving these evil ways and accepting the message of salvation through Jesus.

There are over sixty language territories in Assam. Each hill tribe speaks a different language and generally cannot be understood by the next tribe living a few miles away. This has created tremendous problems to the advance of our work here. The lack of travel facilities, postal service,



Brother P. K. Gayen (right) and Grohan Singh Marak (left) at Rajasimla village, in the Garo Hills of Assam. Picture are 35 new Adventists won in less than six months. Since then another 50 have been baptized and 20 more are now ready.

Photo by W. C. Rick.



and the almost inaccessible areas where interests are developing, make organized advance of our work difficult.

Lack of trained workers from the different tribal areas presents a problem that we are endeavouring to overcome as quickly as possible by our Assam Training School located in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills, about thirty-five miles from our mission headquarters in Shillong. There are four major language groups in attendance here, besides many others of different tribes. If you should visit this school some Sabbath morning you would find the morning speaker assisted by four translators all speaking at once. This is indeed an interesting experience.

I have mentioned above a few of the problems that must be overcome as mission enterprise advances in this field, in order that you may better understand how God is finishing His work here, even though seemingly insurmountable obstacles bar the way at times.

Our greatest problem is not to find people interested in this advent message, but to follow up the many calls that continually come to us for workers to teach and instruct those who, in many cases, have already begun to keep the Sabbath. Many interests have developed among new tribal areas as a result of the Southern Asia Division Voice of Prophecy work, and from the mailing programme of our Assam Training School. These interests are among the leaders, and those of better education in the new territories. It is these who have been able to understand the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, and read the "Signs of the Times," which is being sent to officials, headmasters of schools, and such like.

During 1953 a repeated and most urgent call, which we could not answer due to lack of funds and workers, came from a new language territory in Assam, known as the Garo Hills. A number of Voice of Prophecy interests there had already taken their stand for the Sabbath and begged for some worker to be sent them. Brief exploratory itineraries were made into this new territory during the latter part of 1953. The reports indicated a most urgent need to open work there at once.

Beginning in January of this year, we sent an experienced worker, Brother P. K. Gayen, to begin evangelistic work among these Garo people. It was necessary for him to speak through an interpreter. We were very fortunate in having a fine Garo young man, a Voice of Prophecy convert who had come to our camp-meeting and been baptized early in January, who could speak and understand English as well as his own language. We believe the Lord had him ready at the right time to assist

in giving the message to his people. His name is Grohan Singh Marak, and he has been doing a fine work under the direction of Brother Gayen. We believe he will develop into a strong apostle for his people.

It was difficult to decide where first these brethren should begin their evangelism, as requests had come from a number of villages. Finally, because of a well-established interest, and some who, due to the Voice of Prophecy, were already keeping Sabbath, the large village of Rajasimla was chosen for the first series of meetings. It was in this village that the Baptist Mission first opened their work in the Garo Hills some years ago—the first Christian church in the Garo Hills was established here.

After preparing a large bamboo shelter in which to hold their meetings, Brother Gayen began his series by having meetings every night of the week. Hundreds attended without missing a single message. It was my privilege to respond to the call of these brethren about six weeks ago, to come to Rajasimla for our first baptism in the Garo Hills. Pastor Lowry from the Lushai Hills, who happened to be in Shillong for a committee meeting, went with me, and after carefully questioning each candidate for baptism we found thirty-five ready. These were baptized on May 14 in a beautiful stream running through the outskirts of the village. This was a great day of rejoicing, for it marked our first baptism from among these fine Garo people.

Many more were preparing for baptism, and with the meetings continuing in Rajasimla and another nearby village, we looked forward to another baptism soon. On June 17 and 18 we again visited the Garo Hills. This time we found another thirty-four ready at Rajasimla for baptism, and in the village of Dilma sixteen others. It was necessary to postpone the baptism of another twenty to thirty, who are preparing for church membership, until our next visit, so that they may be more fully instructed. We are being very careful that those baptized are really ready for this step. Before including names on the list of those ready for baptism we have an individual interview with each one, when they are questioned on all points of doctrine.

We have now organized our first church in the Garo Hills, at Rajasimla, with a membership of almost one hundred. The members are eagerly building a temporary church and school from bamboo and thatch, after which they plan to put up permanent buildings representative of Seventh-day Adventist work.

So far, among this group of new believers are three former national ministers

of another mission, and three headmasters of government and mission schools.

Surrounding villages are eagerly calling for Brother Gayen to hold his evangelistic meetings for them also. The harvest is ripe, the labourers are few, but God's Spirit is being poured out in a marvellous way in the Garo Hills, and we look forward to an ever-growing work during the coming months. Much credit is due the Voice of Prophecy for creating this interest and making the field ripe for the harvest.

Similar stories of God's blessing on His work could be told from other territories of Assam. I mention the Garo evangelism this time in particular, because it is the most recently entered field within this mission, and marks another territory and language added to the ever-expanding work of God around the world.

Remember in prayer each worker and member in this vast borderland territory of north-east India. Together we are united to finish the commission of God throughout the valleys and mountains of Assam before Jesus comes.

Formosa and Hong Kong State Their Reasons Why You Should Plan for a Big Overflow Offering

Mrs. Paulene Barnett, Sabbath school secretary for the South China Island Union Mission, has written us this letter:—

"As you know, the Sabbath school overflow offering for the fourth quarter of this year is to help advance the work here on the islands of Taiwan (Formosa) and Hong Kong. Since our work is relatively new here in Taiwan the Sabbath school members in Australasia are perhaps not so well acquainted with this field. In spite of the newness of the work and comparatively small area, we have a large mission programme going on right now. New churches are being built just as fast as we can meet the needs, and now the new hospital being erected in the capital city of Taipei makes necessary an ever larger budget. So we are looking forward to a good overflow offering to help us continue this work which has started.

"To inspire interest in our field and better acquaint the people overseas with our needs we have prepared a series of five articles which should be suitable for use in your union paper. Some of these unusual stories will help the people to know what is going on here. . . .

"In behalf of the people and workers in this field, I want to express our sincere thanks for the loyal support which all of you are giving to advance God's work in this field."

The first story, written by the acting president of the South China Island Union Mission, Pastor E. L. Longway, well known throughout the denomination for his service in the East, appears in this issue, on page fourteen.



The WORLD VISION



Watford's Mayor Visits Our Schools

R. D. VINE

Alderman J. Davis, Mayor of Watford, and his wife, honoured the Stanborough Park Secondary School with their presence at the opening ceremony in the Estate Hall, on Wednesday evening, June 16, of a new advance in the school's gratifying progress. Assembled to greet them, and to join in the celebrations were six hundred or more parents and friends, as well as a good number of smartly uniformed pupils. The occasion was the official opening of three new school departments—domestic science, with its superbly equipped kitchen; a well-equipped twelve-bench wood-work department; and the gymnasium.

Deputy chairman of the school board governors, Pastor W. L. Emmerson, launched the proceedings with an appropriate welcome to our eminent guest, and Pastor A. J. Woodfield, school head, set forth the principles, aims, and methods of our educational system. Character, not intellect, was the school's supreme concern, he said. Emphasis was on eternity, not merely on time. The Bible was held to be pre-eminent as the final arbiter and guide, not just the unloved and doubted basis for a daily session in religious instruction. Not that Adventists belittled academic advancement. In fact, their programme was so geared as to facilitate and encourage this as effectively as possible. Their programme also included manual and physical training. Hence the new departments which the Mayor had so kindly agreed to officially open.

Alderman Davis then spoke highly of the school, its superb location, its growth from its humble launching with thirty pupils in 1918 to its present capacity enrolment of 300, and of the good name it has justly earned in Watford. After a dedicatory prayer by Pastor A. K. Armstrong, the head pupils presented gifts to the Mayor and Mayoress. The former, on receiving a copy of "Education," by E. G. White, assured us he would read it during his annual holiday which was then beginning. Thanks from Pastor C. R. Bonney concluded the preliminary session of formal speeches, which was given added lustre by the school choir when it sang, under its conductor Idris Owen, the two songs which earned such commendation at Watford's recent musical festival.

Then began a friendly and informal inspection by those present, of the school generally. Class-rooms, ornate with pupils' handiwork, their desks aglow with delightful exercise books which looked more like the painstaking efforts of medieval monks

than the everyday work of red-blooded school children, and with the teachers standing by to answer questions, were soon crowded with sightseers. Of special interest, of course, were the domestic science room and the woodwork room.

Meanwhile, in the school field, juniors under their very energetic head, Brother H. J. Brookes, were giving a dazzling display of gymnastics. The seniors, under their instructress, Mrs. A. J. Woodfield, held a capacity audience spellbound with their swinging, jumping, vaulting, running, and very charming displays of folk dancing in their picturesque costumes.

It was gratifying to see that the Mayor went the full rounds, and remained until almost the last minute when the session closed at 10 p.m.

—"British Advent Messenger."

News of Seventh-day Adventists in the Soviet Union

A. F. TARR

The close proximity to the Soviet Union of some Northern European Division countries has caused inquiries to reach us concerning news of Seventh-day Adventists across our borders. We are happy now to pass on some word that will be of general interest to our people.

It was nearly three years ago that the first reference to Seventh-day Adventists appeared in a London newspaper. Sir David Kelly, British ambassador to Moscow, had just returned to London, and in reporting on the Soviet government's attitude toward religion he was quoted in the newspapers as saying, among other things; "All the Lutheran and Anglican churches have been closed, but the Baptists and Seventh-day Adventists are left more or less free." A personal letter to the writer later confirmed the report as having correctly represented the situation in Russia as he understood it to be.

More recently contacts have been made with the Society Embassy in London, which we hope will result in a visit being made to our believers in Russia by certain of our representatives in the near future. In the meantime, however, we wish to share with the "Review" readers portions of a letter that has come to us from C. Gidlund, president of the East Nordic Union, which is one of our two unions that border on Russia. Pastor Gidlund writes:—

"I have just come back from our annual meetings in Finland. When I came home I contacted, through one of our sisters in Stockholm, a Russian Baptist pastor. This

pastor is here in Stockholm as a guest to the Baptists' great conference. I got in touch with this pastor at the hotel where he was staying, and today had an interview with him.

"The name of this Russian pastor is Jakob Zidhkov, and he lives in Moscow. My interpreter and I had a very interesting conversation with him regarding the Adventist Church in Russia, and in Moscow in particular. He related to me the following: In Moscow the Adventists have about five hundred members. He did not know how many members there were in all Russia, but the Adventist mission is strong in the country and the Adventists are very zealous and diligent. The Adventists and Baptists use the same church and have the same baptistry. He said that they got along very well together and that there was a good peaceful situation between the two denominations. The Adventist pastor is a good man and seems to be the leader for the whole Adventist Church in Russia, since he is so often out on trips.

"He said, further, that a large congress of all the different denominations was held in Moscow, and afterward a book concerning these meetings was published. The leader of the Adventist Church also took part. His photo is published in the book. Pastor Zidhkov promised to send me this book in English. The Adventist Church in Moscow has its own office close to the church they occupy with the Baptists.

"It seems that the various denominations are able to live in peace with one another and to use the same church.

"Pastor Zidhkov mentioned that we in Europe can write to our pastor in Moscow in English, because there are public bureaus that can do translation work. But he believed that the Adventist pastor knows some English."

Brother Gidlund has sent us the name and address of our Russian pastor in Moscow, and we plan to contact him—for the present by correspondence. Later we hope that a personal visit may be made.

We are sure that this brief word that the Baptist pastor has brought us regarding Seventh-day Adventists in the Soviet Union will bring good cheer to the hearts of Adventists in every land.

—"Review and Herald," 23/9/54.

News from the Tyneside

E. A. BUTTERS

Many good friends of Tyneside will be wondering what has been happening up here since the church was dedicated in 1952. We shall try to give a very brief outline.

On Sunday, March 1, 1953, we launched out on a church campaign and had a fairly good response to the small amount of advertising we were able to do.

By July we were able to baptize into the church three new members. One of these heard the message from Pastor T. J. Bradley in 1929 in Sydney, but when he returned home he joined another church for which he worked hard for twelve years.

Two years ago he attended one of Pastor Howard Parkin's meetings in Wallsend, and there met Pastor Bradley again as the chairman of the meeting.

He had become a little disappointed with his own church, and seeing our first advertisement told his friend he was going up to Rye Hill. "You know," the friend replied, "that's your old love, the Seventh-day Adventists." Both he and his friend attended regularly and were baptized. The other candidate was a young lady who was brought along by a member and now serves as the young people's secretary.

We were very happy to open up our baptistry again on September 26 for Pastor L. Murdoch to baptize twenty-one candidates from Darlington before a church filled with members from Darlington, Middlesbrough, and Tyneside.

Up to Easter time we had a flourishing Sunday school, but owing to repairs in the church we have had to cancel it for a few months. As many as seventy-four local children have crowded into our young people's room on Sunday afternoons. As soon as the repairs are finished we shall resume this work.

Interest in the meetings has been sustained by newspaper advertising, and we rejoiced at the baptism of another three on May 22. We contacted one of these candidates through a letter from Pastor F. Edwards of Coventry. One of the members there told him of this lady who would be interested in Bible studies. I found a cripple who could not put her foot to the ground because of an ulcer that went right through to the bone. Her case was brought before the Great Physician in our prayer meetings and she was put on a very rigid health reform diet. Her improvement was so rapid that in a few weeks she was coming out to the meetings. And what a pleasure it was to give her no more than the usual assistance as she came unassisted into the baptismal waters.

It is thrilling to be able to announce that we have reached the highest ever total in the Ingathering: £602 for Newcastle, £105 for Burnopfield, and £27 for Shields. We thank the Lord for this grand total and pray that He will continue to bless the work up here in the north of England.

Visit to Indo-China

R. A. POHAN

During the month of June I had the privilege of spending a few weeks in Indo-China meeting our dear fellow workers and believers in Saigon, Dalat, and Phnom Penh in the interest of our Sabbath school and home missionary work. While there I was constantly reminded of the approaching threat of heavier war clouds in that beautiful country. Upon the conclusion of our worship on the first morning of my stay in Saigon, we were informed of the arrest of two of our young people that morning. Later in the day we discovered that compulsory conscription was the reason.

It does not seem easy to bring the gospel of salvation to the inhabitants of Indo-



Prayer on Exmoor

TERESA HOOLEY

God, who created each wild thing
Of fin and scale and fur and wing,
Be present on these hills, and hear
A prayer now for the hunted deer.

The comely stag, the gentle hind
Let not the hunt with fury find;
Hide them in waving bracken tall,
Red as their coats are in the fall.

Change Thou Thy wind to lose the scent,
Hound's nose be dull, be huntsman spent;
For frightened hooves give wings instead,
And turn pursuers' feet to lead.

Should the wild quarry reach the sea,
Buoy then with waters salt and free—
No boat to follow, no gun, no knife,
Guard Thou and save the guiltless life.

O God, be kind, incline Thine ear,
Have pity on the hunted deer!

China through public efforts, the Bible Correspondence School, etc., but God has a thousand ways to work out His definite plan. It was a day of rejoicing for our people when word came that they were authorized by the government to begin a weekly broadcast over Radio Dalat. I had the privilege of listening one evening to the programme in the studio, and my heart was thrilled as I heard Brother Le Huu's earnest appeal to all listeners to "trust in God."

For a long time our brethren and sisters in Saigon have been praying for a similar privilege over Radio Saigon. The Lord has answered their prayers. Shortly before my arrival in Saigon they received permission to have a bi-weekly broadcast over Radio Saigon. It was a real honour for me to attend the first recording of the programme and to listen to the first broadcast.

Our dear people in Dalat are very busy conducting meetings almost every night in homes, a hall, a private school, and a Moi village about seventeen kilometers from the town. I had the privilege of visiting this village and meeting its primitive inhabitants. These aborigines or mountain people are living in extremely pitiful conditions, and urgently need the saving and uplifting power of the gospel. Several from among their race have accepted the truth in another village about two days' journey from Dalat. Their only gospel worker, Brother Ha Hang, was in Dalat with his wife at the time of my visit, and on Sabbath there were fifteen of his people present with us during the worship hour. Our leaders are planning to hold a workers' training centre for them

in the new Dalat church which is nearing completion. The government appreciates every effort that is made for the welfare of these mountain people. It is our golden opportunity to work for them now.

It was very inspiring indeed to meet our faithful believers at Phnom Penh and to see our zealous Brother Tan Tran leading men and women to Christ. He is not on the mission payroll. He is a colporteur with a wife and several children to support; and yet he finds time to look after the interests of the church, conduct two branch Sabbath schools, and at the time of my visit had prepared five men and women for baptism. It was through him that I met a Moslem government official who told me that there are approximately 100,000 Moslems living in that region, descendants of Malays who migrated into the country from Malaya and Indonesia a few decades ago. Many of these people can still read and write Malay. This gentleman and a university student attended our meeting in the chapel one night, and both spontaneously responded as I invited everyone to stand in full surrender and consecration to God. They are students of the Bible Correspondence School.

Our work in Indo-China is meeting many obstacles at this time. Political emergency and uncertainty make it impossible to travel by road through most of the territory. Because of these conditions some of our groups cannot be contacted. A colporteur who disappeared a year ago is still missing. War is raging in the northern section of the country. The future seems to be uncertain and dark. Notwithstanding these unfavourable conditions, our dear people are as cheerful and faithful as ever. Workers and lay members are united in putting forward every effort for the promotion of God's kingdom before the door is closed.

Our Dorcas ladies in Dalat are feverishly working to bring relief to the poor. It was my happy privilege to meet a little girl of eight years, Thien Kieu, who is making a regular contribution toward this noble cause by doing fine and neat embroidery work. I firmly believe that with such a spirit, faith, and enthusiasm, God will richly bless our people and the work in Indo-China in a way that will result in a large harvest of souls made ready for His soon-coming kingdom.

As you daily commune with our heavenly Father, won't you remember our dear people and the work in Indo-China before the throne of grace?

—"Far Eastern Division Outlook."

Harvesting in York, England

JOHN P. WEST

June 19 was a memorable day in the life of the York church. There was something different about this baptism, for, added to the joy of seeing the faithful few unite with their Lord in this sacred rite, was the pleasure of using our new baptistry for the first time.

In this great ecclesiastical centre of the north with its famous minster and fifty

or more churches within the perimeter of the ancient city's walls, this threefold message has been preached faithfully during the winter months. Many hearts have been stirred and minds awakened. It seems very difficult to break through the religious prejudices and conservatism that seem inherent in the hearts of the people of this city. However, we can rejoice in seeing three, if only three, take their sacred vows.

Among those who were baptized was Major George Herbert, M.B.E., a former M.P. who has experienced a remarkable conversion. A series of advances and victories has redirected this good brother's ambitions and interests into the cause of the King of kings. All of us here are conscious of the help and blessing that he will be to our small group of believers, in the city of York.

A unique feature of the York campaign is the number of intelligent men whose hearts have been gripped and interested, and these compose three-quarters of those attending. Four decided victories are recorded in the books of heaven over the evil tobacco habit, and a further four are in the midst of the battle. Many are the problems in the home and at work, but even now others are preparing for the second baptism planned for a few weeks' time.

Pray for us in York, for we have special and peculiar needs, that the Spirit of God may be poured out and we may see the finishing of God's work.—"British Advent Messenger."

A Star in Many Crowns

RAYMOND S. MOORE

"It usually takes many men—and the Holy Spirit—to win a soul." This was my thought one Friday recently as Pfc. Jose Barreiro, of New York City's Ephesus S.D.A. church, was sitting across our living-room from us here in Japan. A great smile was lighting his face and a story was unfolding from his heart. He was on leave from Korea, and we were sharing experiences in God. The locale of his story was eight thousand miles away.

"It started in a book publishing house in New York City," he was saying. "I worked near a fellow who ran a collator section, fitting books together. His name was Izmael Zayas. He was a Catholic. His wife, it turned out, was a Seventh-day Adventist. But Zayas was not a very happy fellow. He seemed troubled.

"Then one day he asked me, 'Jose, how come you are always so happy?'"

One look at Jose's face is to understand why Zayas should ask such a question. Jose went on:—

"I told him that I loved the Lord, that He was everything to me in all I did, and I told him why. Then a few weeks passed, and one day the usually poker-faced Zayas came in singing, 'Give me the Bible,' and sang all four stanzas of it by heart.

"I learned next that he had bought a book from a colporteur. And was I surprised! And then a few weeks later he started calling me 'Brother'! Soon I found what had happened."

Jose's smile was wide and his voice buoyant as he finished his story—a story of how a patient, faithful wife, a happy co-workman, a timely colporteur, an energetic pastor, and who knows how many other agencies, had worked under the influence of God to win a soul. Zayas had called Jose "brother" because he had been baptized by Pastor Prince the Sabbath before in the Manhattan Spanish church.

Zayas had watched the happy disposition of his wife, had witnessed the joy of Jose, had bought the riches of heaven from a faithful colporteur. Then to her utter amazement, he announced to his wife one day that he would go to church with her.

When he arrived at Sabbath school it seemed to Zayas as if everyone "swarmed" upon him in welcome, complimented Mrs. Zayas on her fine husband, and asked why she had not brought him before. Soon the MV leader was asking him to read a poem for the afternoon meeting.

"But I can't learn a poem," Zayas protested.

"You don't have to. Just read it."

"But you don't understand. I'm a Catholic."

"That doesn't make any difference," was the kind rejoinder.

Zayas read the poem.

God had read his heart. A hundred people had read his face, welcomed him, influenced him. But there was one great Agent co-ordinating all: the patience, the smile, the book, the welcome. No one person on earth had won Brother Zayas. But one Agent, the Holy Spirit of the living God, had won him through the influence of many.

Brother Zayas will be a star in many crowns. —"Review and Herald," 30/9/54.

The Hand that Didn't Keep the Sabbath

F. N. SIQUEIRA

The young man had received his last Bible study. The pastor was waiting quietly for his decision, but such a decision seemed impossible to make. With bowed head he struggled with himself. There was no doubt that truth had made its impression, but now, as he realized that the hour had arrived when he must choose between two greatly differing paths, he did not want to say No, but it was very difficult to say Yes.

Strained silence finally was broken: "Pastor, next Sabbath I will be at church."

The pastor's heart glowed as he thought: "What a beautiful soul for God's kingdom—a handsome and promising young man."

Sabbath came. The pastor seemed cheerful, as always, as he greeted his members, whom he had learned to love. But there was a different feeling inside. The young man had not yet arrived, and it was time for Sabbath school. "He will surely be here for the church service," he said in trying to console himself.

Sabbath school was now over. The pastor was on his feet ready to begin his sermon—the sermon that he had prepared

almost especially for his new convert. The title was, "The Greatest of All Decisions—Following Jesus."

The members seemed puzzled. "Why is he looking from bench to bench instead of beginning his sermon?" they asked themselves. He was so different. "Something must be the matter," they thought, "but what could it be?" Yes, only the pastor—and God—knew.

The young man did not come.

The pastor could not preach with his usual power that Sabbath morning. His words seemed so heavy and lifeless. That beautiful sermon, "The Greatest of All Decisions—Following Jesus," seemed weak and ineffective.

At the close of the meeting a stranger asked to see the minister. Our pastor had had no previous acquaintance with this man, but knew that he was a worker in the city hospital. "But why does he want to see me so urgently?" he thought.

"Are you the pastor?" he asked.

"Yes."

"There is a young man in the hospital who wishes to see you immediately. It is a very serious case, pastor. Can you come right away?"

"What is his name?" queried the pastor.

"I don't know. He underwent an operation and urgently wishes to see you," came the hurried answer.

Rushing to the hospital, the pastor was soon standing at the bedside of a suffering young man. That very morning, as he had begun his work at the sawmill, his right arm was cut so badly that the doctors decided it must be amputated. And this was the young man who had promised to be at church that Sabbath morning.

It is so hard for a pastor to speak words of comfort and assurance under such circumstances. This was one of those occasions. He took his Bible, not knowing where to turn or what to read. Paging through the Gospels, the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:30 caught his immediate attention. "And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

After the reading he said: "My dear friend, your right hand offended God by working on His day. Now it has been removed. Never again will it work on the Sabbath day. Will you not follow the Lord now?"

"Yes, pastor, I will. But what will I do without the arm that has provided my bread?"

"God will provide. Now you must depend upon your mental powers. You must study."

"But how, pastor? I have no money."

"Our academy will always accept young people who have the will to go forward."

The Sao Paulo Academy did accept this young man. He was given an opportunity to prove the strength of his decision, and it proved to be genuine. Now he has finished the academy, and God is marvellously blessing him during his vacation as a colporteur. This year he will enter the Brazil College, where he will pursue the ministerial course.—"Youth's Instructor."

Flight to the Moon

D. A. DELAFIELD

During the past few years the science magazines have had much to say about spaceships and trips to the moon. Mechanical islands will be built along the way, anchored in space, as floating airfields upon which the earth satellite traveller may land his eerie-looking craft to "catch his breath" and prepare for the next leg of the journey. Soon after the final take-off the passengers and crew will doff their earthly clothes and gird themselves with the scientific apparel essential to sustain life on the cold surface of the moon, where there is little or no atmosphere and nothing but extinct volcanoes, vast, stretching plains, and—mystery, certainly no inhabitants.

Man's Insatiable Curiosity

It is almost impossible to believe, but scores of thousands of people have submitted their names and addresses to scientific societies requesting the privilege of making the first flight to the moon. How many of these moon-struck travellers will actually go through with their plans if and when the spaceship is ready to make the flight, nobody knows. Just why they should want to go to the moon we cannot tell. They have no relatives to visit there. Doubtless the main attraction is man's love of the unknown, his insatiable curiosity about hidden realities.

The dangers involved in making such a precarious flight do not daunt these travellers. They would be willing to risk life itself just to "be along" when some dauntless Captain Video of the future brings his earth craft to a halt on the unexplored surface of the moon and prepares to unload passengers and set up their scientific equipment.

We imagine that just a few days or hours after this spaceship lands—if it ever does—the passengers and crew will have had enough of the moon to last them a lifetime, and will want to get back to the comforts of the earth without delay. The trip earthward will probably be more dangerous than the journey moonward. La Guardia Field or the International Airport in New York will look very, very good to these sky wanderers when the sky craft actually lands on earth again.

The Attractions of Heaven

We cannot tell whether people will ever fly to the moon. Certainly no sinful man will ever step foot upon the inhabited planet of another world. God will not permit the contagion of sin to infect unfallen spheres, but the moon—which is the earth's satellite—who knows? We do not believe it will ever happen. Whether it does or not is not important to our discussion. We are particularly impressed by the desire of people to go to the moon. Why shouldn't there be many more people who want to go to heaven? Paul tells us that heaven is Paradise. But the moon-scientists inform us that there is no life there, no atmosphere, nothing except wild, uninhabited regions in which no man

could survive even for a few moments without the most modern scientific gadgets to assist him.

But heaven—"eye hath not seen, nor ear heard," says the Apostle Paul, "the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Just think—God Himself will be there, and all the holy angels of glory to welcome us home. We will not need scientific equipment. Immortality will condition us to the new and glorified atmosphere of that ineffable place.

How many people have made application to make the mass flight to glory when Jesus comes? Only a few in comparison with the vast majority. Is there any risk? No risk at all. But it will take all we have to make the journey. We may back out if we will, but there is no need. The flight to heaven is assured without risk of danger.

There will be no mechanical islands or spaceships, but if God chooses, He might

permit us to stop off at Mars and Saturn and Venus. But this thrill will doubtless be reserved for eternity.

Our Future Home at Last

And distance? We shall go much farther than to the moon. Beyond our own solar system, and many solar systems until we reach the third heaven—God's home. There we shall spend a thousand years, and then after the millennium, safely return to this world. There will be no dangers on the return flight. With the Holy City, New Jerusalem, we shall travel the distance safely. Oh, what a joy it will be! Better than earth-satellite travel? Yes, better by far. May we all enter our names for this flight if we have not done so already. This journey to heaven may very well take place before the scientists have succeeded in preparing a ship to make the first flight to the moon.

—"Review and Herald," 2/9/54.

The Time Is At Hand

STANLEY HARRIS

When Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was flying to Chicago one miserable December day, he suddenly lost the radio beam and was unable to pick it up again. Fog was all about him, and he was flying blind. He put his head out of the cockpit window and discovered that he was only fifty feet above the ground when he was supposed to be flying at one thousand feet. Quick as a flash he pulled the wheel, shoved the throttles, and sent the ship up. Then he attempted to call Chicago for a weather report only to discover that the two-way radio had gone out. He was lost. He had lost all contact with the world. For seven hours he flew, not knowing where. Nobody knew where he was; nobody even knew he was lost.

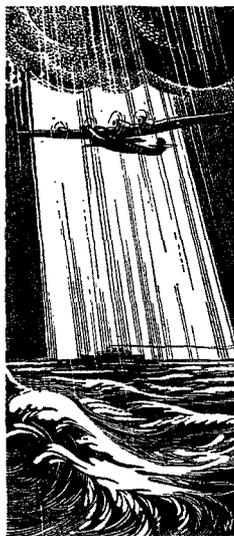
As the darkness of night was coming on there suddenly appeared a break in the murky fog. Bringing the plane down to within one hundred feet of the ground, he saw a four-lane highway and followed it. Soon a gleaming river could be seen, and he followed that until, out of the dusk, a city appeared. It was Toledo, Ohio. A moment later the plane landed at the airport. There was only enough gas left for about eleven more minutes of flying.

Captain Rickenbacker says of this experience: "I like to think it was the 'Big Radio' that kept us going—the thing that keeps all of us flying safely through the fog and night, toward some important goal. That 'Big Radio' is a two-way set. You've got to keep tuned with it; and you have to talk back. I believe in prayer."

God is the Big Radio of the true Christian. By keeping in tune with Him, and talking with Him, we are guided through the fog and darkness of this present world. He will keep us on the beam, and will let us know the time.

"But," someone asks, "speaking of time, is it possible to know the time of Christ's coming?" Christ answered this question by saying, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man." Matt. 24: 36. Our Lord made it clear, however, that while we cannot know the day and the hour, we can know when His coming is near by observing the signs of the times. It is not only the privilege of the believer to know when the end is near but it is his duty. Jesus said: "When ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors." Mark 13: 29.

One of the outstanding signs of Christ's coming is seen in the present atomic age of fear. The Saviour revealed that this condition would prevail just before the



end of the world. He foretold "men's hearts falling them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:26.

Today, from the highest leaders of government to the lowliest man on the street, there is a trembling of hearts as the awful spectre of an atomic war looms before us. Many great men are predicting that such a holocaust would end our civilization.

Back in 1939 a scoffing newspaper writer in the "Los Angeles Herald" said, "It is amusing in this day to hear solemn, superstitious, empty heads announcing the end of the world." But are Einstein, Churchill, and Dr. Urey empty heads? These are just a few of the intelligentsia of the world who are telling us that time is short.

The outstanding atomic scientists of the day—among them Urey, Compton, and Einstein—called a meeting not long ago with some of the country's leading clergymen. In essence here is what they said: Gentlemen, we're frankly frightened. Man's skills have outstripped his morals, his engineering has leaped ahead of his wisdom. We can't cancel or call back scientific advance. But we can—and must, if the world is to survive—help man close that terrific gap between morals and cleverness. In God's name—if you still believe in God—tell us what you can do to help. Otherwise, we perish!"

This is no emotional yelp from a group of hysterical alarmists. This is something beyond the suspicion of melodramatics. These are men who shun overstatement. They realize that they have uncorked a monster, and that the world hangs precariously in the balance. Yes, men's hearts fail them for fear.

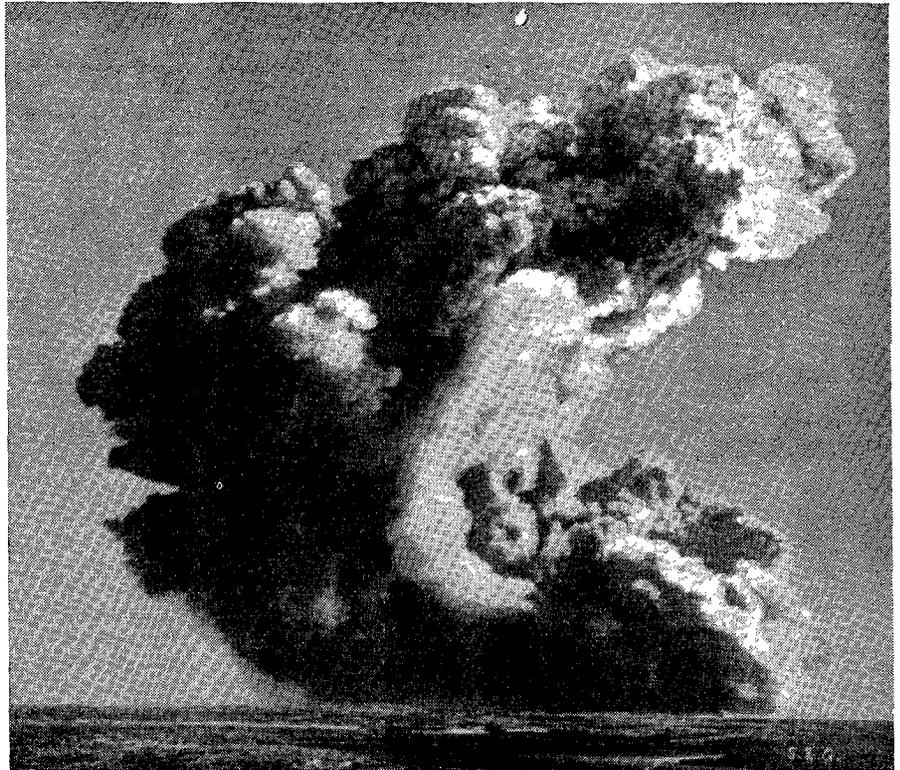
World tension was greatly increased by the report of the hydrogen bomb test at Eniwetok. People were amazed to read that the blinding light of the explosion was not kept out of the eyes of men on board a ship many miles away even though their backs were turned and their arms covered dark glasses on their eyes!

Ten seconds after zero the men on ship started turning around to face the direction of the blast. "I could hardly believe my eyes," one wrote. "A flame about two miles wide was shooting five miles into the air. Then we saw thousands of tons of earth being thrown straight into the sky."

"You would swear," another sailor wrote, "that the whole world was on fire."

One man stated: "About fifteen minutes after shot time, the island on which the bomb had been set off, started to burn and it turned a brilliant red. It burned for about six hours. During this time it was gradually becoming smaller. Within six hours . . . a mile-wide island had actually disappeared!"—"New York Times," Nov 17, 1952.

With the world's leading powers racing to accumulate such horrible weapons, is it any wonder that humanity fears what is coming on the earth? Undoubtedly the devil himself is behind the scenes urging on this diabolical preparation for war. The nations seem bewitched. "For they



are the spirits of devils, . . . which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16: 14.

Men who know God and trust Him have no fears of the future, for Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28.

Men who do not know God are seeking a way of escape from their fears in psychological books, exciting pleasures, and drinking. But "there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isa. 57: 21.

How to Survive an Atomic Bomb is a best seller on nearly every news-stand. It pretends to allay your fears. Death, it assures you, isn't certain—only probable. If you are not blown to smithereens, and if you are not too near to the bomb, and if you hide behind something in three seconds, and if you scrub everything hard enough, you might be lucky and survive.

The Christian's fears are allayed by the assurance of God that, "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Ps. 91: 11.

Some time ago I was travelling by train and was seated next to a well-dressed and intelligent-looking woman. She noticed that I was reading the Bible. She asked, "Are you a minister?" Upon being informed that I was, she made the following striking statement: "Sir, I believe that something has gone terribly wrong with the world!" Then she said, "Does that Book you are reading say anything about present world conditions?" I assured her that it did, and that it also revealed a brighter future. She then told me her

story. The things she said sounded like the fulfilment of Bible prophecy.

"My husband owns and operates a large business, but he has had so many financial and labour troubles recently that life has become miserable. In addition to business problems," she continued, "we are having troubles in the family. My daughter has a small son who has been crippled by poliomyelitis, and her husband has deserted her for another woman. As if this were not enough," she sobbed, "we received official notice from the War Department a few months ago that our son had been killed in Korea!"

By this time it was apparent that the woman was overwhelmed with grief. She explained that she was on her way to a place of rest to receive treatment for her shattered nerves. The poor woman needed more than human sympathy, although this was given. She needed the comforting promises of God.

I said to her, "Do you know that all these things that you have experienced are signs that the coming of the Lord is near at hand, and that He will soon bring all these miseries and woes to an end?"

"Oh," she said, "if I could only believe that!"

"You can believe it," I assured her, "for God makes it so clear in His Word, that even a child can understand and see it."

Then I asked, "Would you like me to tell you what the Bible says about our time?"

"Please do," she answered hastily.

"There is one promise that shall never fail," I said, "and that is the promise of Christ, who declared: 'I will come again' (John 14: 3). All other promises may fail,

but this one cannot, for it is 'impossible for God to lie.' Heb. 6: 18."

"It is comforting to know that there is something we can depend upon," sighed the woman.

I then told her about the disciples coming to Christ and questioning Him regarding the end of the world, saying: "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24: 3.

The troubled woman inquired, "Did Jesus tell them exactly what signs to look for as proof of His return?"

"Oh, yes," I answered. "He gave a number of clear-cut points that unquestionably reveal the imminence of His second coming. He said to them: 'Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. . . For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.' Matt. 24: 6, 7."

"You know as well as I do," I declared, "that this generation has witnessed two terrible world wars in which nations and kingdoms have been involved, and it now seems to be preparing for a third one. Though the most elaborate peace organizations have been formed, we are farther from peace than ever. God says, 'When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them.' 1 Thess. 5: 3."

"Christ foretold the distress of the world over the present-day problems," I continued. "He predicted that there would be 'distress of nations, with perplexity.' Luke 21: 25. Many people, including leaders of the nations, have been cracking under the strain of our complex and troubled age. We receive distressing reports daily over the radio and in the newspapers regarding financial problems, war, communism, secret weapons, fires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, and, yes, even the strange sights that are appearing in the heavens such as the flying saucers! Incidentally, Christ said that there would be 'fearful sights and great signs . . . from heaven.' Luke 21: 11."

"Why; I did not know that Christ identified the things that are happening in the world in such definite terms!" exclaimed my travelling companion.

"Yes," I answered, "He even said that just before He would come to judge the world that the nations would be 'angry' (Rev. 11: 18). If this were in the headlines of your newspaper tomorrow morning, it would certainly describe exactly how the nations are acting at this moment."

"Here is something that explains the problems your husband is having in his business. It is found in the first four verses of the fifth chapter of the Book of James. It says that, although men shall prosper in the last days and accumulate great wealth, labour troubles and financial insecurity will cause them great miseries. In verse four it declares: 'The labourers who have reaped down your fields . . . crieth!'"

"Why, that is remarkable!" exclaimed the now intensely interested woman. "I had no idea that the miseries and labour troubles of the business men were described in the Bible!"

"Yes," I remarked. "The numerous strikes of our day are a direct fulfilment of one of the great signs of the end. The labourers are crying out against their employers for better working conditions. Perhaps some of the strikes are justifiable, and perhaps some are not. That is not for us to decide. The important fact is that prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. Strikes, walkouts, picketings, and boycotts, are all signs of our times. Furthermore, our Lord pinpoints these events as definite indications of the end of all things. At the conclusion of this prophecy it says, 'Establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. . . Behold, the judge standeth before the door.' James 5: 8, 9."

"The Lord also revealed to us that the time of the end would be noted for its speed and great knowledge. Dan. 12: 4 declares that in 'the time of the end many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.' Up until the present century, men travelled as laboriously as they did thousands of years ago. Now we live in the age of supersonic speed. Motorcars, streamlined trains, and jet-propelled planes streak across land and sky with breath-taking swiftness. We also marvel at the tremendous advancement in the realm of knowledge. Radio, television, movies, electricity, and telephones, are just a few of the amazing signs that show us that we are living in the time of the end when knowledge has increased."

"We are travelling in one of the signs of the times right now, aren't we?" remarked my interested listener as the trees flashed by the window of our speeding train.

"We certainly are," I agreed. "Christ also predicted of the last generation that 'iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.' Matt. 24: 12. He foretold that in the day of His coming, the world would be as sinful as it was in the days of Noah (Matt. 24: 37). His Word further declares that 'in the last days perilous times shall come' (2 Tim. 3: 1)."

"Why, the description the Bible gives pictures graphically the world of today, doesn't it?" questioned the astonished woman.

"Yes, it does," I answered. "Intemperance, immorality, and crime are increasing at an alarming rate. The world seems to be pleasure mad. Religion with many is just a form of godliness. Juvenile delinquency is a serious problem. Violations of marriage vows, broken homes, and divorces are making our world as it was in the days of Abraham and Noah. Gangsterism is spreading. Murder, stealing, rape, and every species of crime is increasing at an alarming rate as the Spirit of God is gradually being withdrawn from the earth."

"Does the Bible say anything about the diseases that are plaguing the world today?" questioned my avid listener.

"I suppose you are thinking about your little grandson when you ask that question," I replied. "Well, Christ did speak of the famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes that would trouble the earth in the last days (Matt. 24: 7). The incurable

diseases are increasing each year in spite of the wonderful advances of medical science. Millions are being struck down by the insidious spread of cancer, polio, leukaemia, heart disease, and many other killers. But we can be thankful that the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, is coming soon to restore these bodies to perfect health and immortality."

"Then my little grandson will be able to walk again," she said wistfully, as she wiped the tears from her eyes.

"The last and one of the greatest signs of His coming is seen in the widespread work of the gospel in this generation," I continued. "The Saviour said that 'this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' Matt. 24: 14."

"Is the gospel going to all the earth?" she asked.

"Most of the world is hearing the gospel of Christ and His coming by way of radio, television, evangelism, and the many missionary endeavours," I answered.

"Well," she asked, "do you think that Jesus will come in our day?" She leaned forward eagerly as she awaited my answer.

"Yes, my dear lady. He is going to come in our day, because He said that the generation witnessing all the things we have just discussed will live to see the end of the world. I shall read this wonderful promise of the Saviour: 'Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done' (Mark 13: 30)."

With tears of joy in her eyes, my travelling companion exclaimed: "This is the most wonderful news I have ever heard!"

Truly, this is the most wonderful news for everyone in the world today. The sick, the lonely, the oppressed, the poor, the grieving, and those who are tired of war and sin, will soon see all things changed at the coming of our blessed Lord. "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Zeph. 1: 14. Our troubles will soon be over. God's tomorrow will be a day of gladness. Sorrow, sickness, pain, and death will be no more. O what a day that will be!

—"Review and Herald," 19/8/54.

Faithful Under Test

E. L. LONGWAY

Away up in the mountains of Central Taiwan is a little settlement called "Freedom Village," or Tzu Yiu Tsun. The village people are not Chinese, but belong to one of the eight aboriginal tribes that lived on the island before the advent of the Chinese conquerors. These people were never fully subjugated, even during the time of the Japanese occupation, from 1895 to 1945. Since the close of the last world war the Chinese government has been making good headway in bringing the blessings of education and public health service to the hill people, and at the same time has opened the way for mission work to prosper among these mountain folk.

It is an interesting story of how the work started at Freedom Village, and of what has happened since. Less than a

year ago the Taiwan Mission sent a young Chinese brother, who was at that time suffering from lung trouble, up into this area, and he settled at this place. Brother Tseng is a faithful, earnest, and tactful worker. He won the goodwill and confidence of the mountain people, and at the same time was respected by the Chinese police authorities who control the area. Brother D. M. Barnett, in charge of the Central Taiwan district, invited Mrs. Longway and me to visit this village and help examine some candidates for baptism. We reached the place late one Friday evening, as a bridge had been washed out, and we had had to walk the last four or five miles of the journey. Among the candidates for baptism were several of the young men of just the right age to be called up for duty with the police in maintaining the telephone lines that serve that area.

Brother Tseng said to us, "We have a little problem here now. The local police official is calling some of our youth for work tomorrow, and I don't know what they will do, nor what we can do to help them. Let's make him a call and see if he will excuse them from duty tomorrow, and promise him that they will serve at any other time." So we called on this young police official and found him friendly enough, but not at all of the opinion that he should release these men from duty. His viewpoint was that he had called these men for service on the morrow, along with others who were bound to come. He did it before he knew about their desire to keep the Sabbath. He would try to be careful not to call them again on a Sabbath day, but, this time he would have to insist on the boys' coming along and working, otherwise his authority would be slighted. We urged him as best we could, and then returned to the little quarters where we were staying. The young men asked, "What shall we do about working on the Sabbath?" They were told that it was a matter that each must decide for himself, and that neither the Chinese evangelist nor the foreign missionary could be conscience for them.

There were some serious young people there on that mountain-side that night. In the morning, as we started to examine candidates for baptism word came that the police had taken three of our young men to the police office and were insisting that they join in the work assigned for the day. We waited for an hour or so, and then Brother Barnett, Doctor J. Alfred Scharffenberg, the Chinese evangelist, Brother Tseng, and the writer walked up to the police office to see what was going on and to render any help possible to our youth. We found the three boys standing before the police desk, charged with disobedience to police orders. The officer in charge was very stern in his attitude, and remarked that they would have to learn to respect his authority, and after that there would be no more difficulty about the Sabbath.

It was a good opportunity to remind this young police officer of the principles of religious freedom that China had guaranteed to her people. Dr. Scharffen-

berg was in military uniform, and pointed out that he was able to be free from military duties on the Sabbath day. One of us also took the opportunity to remind him that he was head of the police in "Freedom Village," and Freedom Village would be a good place to practise real freedom—freedom of soul as well as body. He thought that over for a short moment, and then called the three young men over in front of him, and after a few stern

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WEDDINGS



NORTH-MORGAN.—A large number of relatives and friends filled the flower-bedecked church at Murwillumbah, N.S.W., in the afternoon of September 15, 1954, to witness the marriage of David Bowman North to Margaret June Morgan. David is the son of Brother and Sister W. North, who are well known within and without the church. June is the second daughter of Mr. George Morgan and the late Mrs. Morgan of Tweed Heads. We extend to this couple our heartfelt wishes for temporal and spiritual prosperity under the blessing of God as they establish another Christian home while awaiting the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. C. Needham.



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

TRIM.—John Sawyer Trim was born in Wellington, N.Z., in 1899, and died in the Kurri Hospital, N.S.W., on October 2, 1954. In youth he read himself into the third angel's message, assisted by the staff in the Wellington S.H.F. Company's cafe and Pastor G. G. Stewart. In 1921 he married Miss Miriam Ida Ballard, and to them were born four children: Joyce of the Auckland Cafe, Berenice, wife of Brother L. A. Lansdowne of the North New Zealand Conference ministerial staff, John a minister in the North N.S.W. Conference, and Ray, a ministerial student at the A.M. College. Our late brother during a part of his life laboured in the West Australian Conference, and as a colporteur in the South N.S.W. Conference. The funeral services at the Avondale church and the graveside were conducted by Pastor A. F. J. Kranz, Brother G. F. Bohringer, and the writer. Our hearts greatly sympathize with Sister Trim and her family. May God in His own wonderful way comfort them and help them to look forward to a happy family reunion when Jesus comes.

A. H. Piper.

HOLLIDAY.—On September 23, 1954, after a term of sickness, Sister Mary Florence Holliday fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-three years. During half of her lifetime at least she had been an ardent believer in the advent message. For many years she was a much loved member of the Toowoomba church, but of late she had been associated with the believers at Southport. Her presence here will be greatly missed. She was laid to rest in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ. With this hope in view we particularly extend our heartfelt sympathy to the remaining daughters—Mrs. Scarr and Mrs. De Hayr, and the three sons, Arthur, Edwin, and Joshua. B. H. Swartzkopf.

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BREVITIES

About mid-October Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Ferris arrived home on furlough from Fiji, travelling to Sydney via New Zealand. They have now accumulated twenty-three years of island service, which must be one of the longest records of which present missionaries in this division can boast.

Recently the Bathurst (N.S.W.) church found it necessary to enlarge the church by removing a partition, to accommodate the influx of converts from the Cook Mission. This space soon proved inadequate, so on October 10 the foundation of a church hall was laid. This hall will be used for Sabbath school and other gatherings. Brother J. L. Richardson and a team of voluntary building assistants are setting to the work with a will which presages a speedy completion.

The closing exercises of the 1954 college year will be held at Avondale during the week-end November 12-14. There will be a devotional service conducted by Pastor A. F. J. Kranz on Friday evening, the baccalaureate sermon by Pastor S. M. Uttley on Sabbath morning, and the graduation address by Pastor F. G. Clifford on Sunday evening. On Saturday evening the augmented choir, according to annual custom, will render Handel's "Messiah." All meetings will convene in the new auditorium and a warm invitation is extended to visitors to attend any or all of the services of graduation week-end.

Colourful personalities at the Australasian Inter-Union Conference Session at Cooranbong, November 22-29, will be these five national Pacific Islands delegates: Pastor Ngava and Pastor Kila Galama from the Coral Sea Union Mission; Pastor Likaveke and Pastor Joseph Mave from the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission; and Pastor Tini Inu from the Central Pacific Union; also Miss Momoi Kuresa, matron of the Apia Government Hospital, Samoa, who will attend the session during her visit to Australia in the interests of her profession. Her brother Meki is a student at the Australasian Missionary College.

In a letter recently received by the editor from Pastor R. A. Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, he says: "Many things have transpired the last few days, and the brethren are asking me to take over the New Gallery centre in London for three or four months. I leave for England right after the Fall Council. My wife and daughter Tui will join me a little later, and then we leave for our homeland (Australia) about February 1—at least, we hope so." It is good to know that the work in London is to have the benefit of Pastor Anderson's wide and long experience in evangelism.

At his home in California Pastor J. Ross James lately received a letter from Pastor Kila Galama, which brought vividly to the ex-missionary's mind the day when he became acquainted with Kila's father in Papua. He rejoiced to hear of the spiritual progress of the family and of the extension of the gospel there. Then Pastor James was impelled to send us the story of Kila's background, which will serve as an introduction to this enthusiastic president of Western Papua who is soon to be among us in person. You will find the story in the next issue of the "Record."

Encouraging reports continue to come to us of the work on the new Karalundi Mission Station, situated thirty-five miles beyond Meekatharra in Western Australia. Under the supervision of Brother A. D. Vaughan with Brother Stan Louis as head master of the school, the mission programme is prospering. Much credit must be given to the strong lead being given by the president of the conference, Pastor W. J. Richards, in leading both laity and conference workers in contributing many hours and weeks of labour in building up this far-away outpost. The government of Western Australia is very appreciative of the work being done for these needy people.

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words of rebuke for disobeying his order to report for work, he said, "You are excused for the day." So, another victory for the cause of truth was won by these simple mountain lads who, just a few months previous to this experience, had never heard of such a thing as the Seventh-day Sabbath, and God's command to keep it holy.

On that beautiful Sabbath morning thirteen of these Tai Er tribal people were baptized in a little pool that had been made by damming up the rushing mountain stream flowing by, some distance

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south of the village. Among those baptized were these three young men who had so loyally stood for their faith in the matter of Sabbath observance. And of those baptized, four young men, with another from the village who has already had one year of training at the Taiwan Theological Seminary, are scheduled to join the special training class at the seminary, to prepare to bring the truth to their own people who are scattered over all the hills and mountains of beautiful Taiwan.

These are the people that the witness of faithful evangelists, who are paid from the offerings you have given to the cause, are winning to the truth. There are many more like them, still waiting. We need your prayers and your continued offerings, so that soon hundreds of these youth can be trained and sent over the whole island, and the work thus be speedily finished. Remember the needs and opportunities in Taiwan as you plan for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.